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The Good
SHOE STORE

New line of boys union suits this week. Good value at Hill's Cash Store.

Hon. C. A. Calverd, one of Clinton's leading attorneys, was in Butler Monday on business before the circuit court.

New china and glassware just in for Christmas at Hill's Cash Store.

We were complimented pleasantly by a call from Lewis W. Jones, a wealthy and influential citizen of Walnut last week.

New umbrellas for the holiday trade at Hill's Cash Store.

Our young friend R. K. Godwin, of Mingo township, accompanied by his wife, was in the city on Saturday. We acknowledge a pleasant call from Mr. Godwin.

Buy holiday books at Hill's Cash Store.

The case of the State of Missouri against Joe T. Smith for alleged attempt to bribe jury, will come up for trial in our circuit court to-morrow, December 16th.

Beautiful new pictures for Christmas, just in and on display. Hill's Cash Store.

The Review says that Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McPherson, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in the city on Monday.

J. W. Darbey, esq., justice of the peace of Walnut township, was in the city on Tuesday and favored us handsomely and substantially.

If the Supreme Court knocks out the township organization law, there will be two pretty fat offices, Collector and assessor to be appointed for this year by the governor.

Fulkerson who has been in the city a party from Butler to the Melba-Parkina concert in the city in January, leaves for the city today to complete all his business.

Every dollar's worth you buy at Hill's Cash Store.

Buy your toys at Hill's Cash Store.

The city council of Adrian has passed an ordinance requiring all future walks to be constructed of concrete, granitoid, brick or stone.

Snow falls over the whole of the Central West, greatly relieving the condition of wheat, which was suffering from the prolonged drouth of three months duration.

W. H. Ewin, who recently sold his farm near Butler, has moved to Leonard, Kansas, where he expects to locate. His many friends in this county will always be glad to hear good reports of him.

We are ordering direct from the factory new Christmas neck wear and mufflers on sale Saturday at Hill's Cash Store.

Ed. Thomas, a sewing machine agent, was arrested and tried before Judge Shepard of Rich Hill for stealing a fine lap robe, valued at \$14, from Burns Sauffer near New Home. The Judge gave him ten days in the county jail.

Fine line of Christmas handkerchiefs just selected from one of the largest New York importers. They are beauties. Priced from 1 cent to \$1. Hill's Cash Store.

Governor Elect Folk spent the afternoon in Butler on Monday. He was entertained at dinner by Judge and Mrs. W. W. Graves and at supper by Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Ludwick. He was greeted throughout the afternoon by his many friends and admirers.

The ladies of the M. E. Church South will give a fair in Opera House block, Dec. 17th. From 10:00 a. m. to 10:00 p. m.

John Burns, a young miner, was blown up east of Rich Hill Monday. He was smoking a cigarette and handling a keg of blasting powder at the same time, and the two don't very well work together, but occasionally, as in this instance go off together.

M. H. Price, of Spruce, is prospecting in the northwest states with a view of looking up a location.

In Continental United States, according to a census bulletin just issued there are 1,638,321 more men than women.

W. W. Hill living on northeast road out of Butler, shot and killed what he believed to be a mad dog last week.

The week was one of the most exciting Wall street has known for months, and the lessons to be learned from its developments are manifold.

A new religious society has been organized here to be known as University Place Methodist Protestant Church of which Rev. J. N. Moore, D. D. president of the college has been chosen as pastor—Merwin Clipper.

Postmaster Welton and wife entertained the members of the Rural Carriers Association at their commodious home in south-east Butler, to a fine supper Saturday night, following the meeting of that association. The next meeting will be held at Adrian on March 11th. J. C. Bell was re-elected President.

The Record says that Clark Wix has tendered his resignation in the Revenue department, a position he has filled for several years, to take effect January 1st. We might remind Judge Wix that Del Welton's term as postmaster does not expire for over a year yet, and there is an old adage that says something about a bird in the hand being worth two in the bush.

Official returns show that the New Missouri legislature will stand as follows: Senate, Republicans 10, Democrats 23; House, Republicans 82, Democrats 60; Joint ballot, Republicans 92, Democrats 88. Republican majority 9, with one vacancy in the senate, caused by the resignation of Lieutenant-Governor-elect McKibben, which will be filled by special election before the legislature convenes.

A member of one of the Exposition Juries of awards, who also served in a similar capacity at the Chicago air show, has been in the city for a foundation for the charges of bribery.

The two men who raided the Paola National Bank are caught at Toulon, Ill., with \$1,980 of the plunder in their pockets. They are believed to be well-known Chicago crooks.

James R. Angle has accepted the position of Deputy sheriff under Sheriff-elect Moses B. Morris. Mr. Angle has had much experience and will make a competent and popular deputy. He has appointed J. H. Owens deputy constable, and he will be in charge of that office during the remainder of Mr. Angle's term.

Mrs. Frank Allen, who has been critically ill for several days, is very much improved, and strong hopes are entertained for her recovery.

Analysis of the vote of Illinois and Indiana shows that the Republicans made no gains commensurate with the normal increase in population. The falling off in the Democratic vote caused the large majorities.

Dr. Harriett Frederick has returned home from the hospital at Kansas City, and is fast regaining her health. She has had a long and severe spell of sickness, having past through a very dangerous operation. She will soon be able to take up her successful practice which she was compelled to abandon.

Estes Smith was in the city on Monday and favored us pleasantly.

He is one of the county's best known and influential citizens. He has always taken an active interest in public affairs and is a strong pure Democrat who never had the itch. When the party speaks through its conventions, it is the court of last resort for Estes. He always takes the medicine straight.

E. E. Wall, of Tebo township, is showing his friendship for good roads in a practical sort of fashion, according to the Clinton Democrat. He is graveling a quarter of a mile of turn-pike at his farm, getting the gravel out of a near by creek with a wheel scraper. His neighbors are watching the work with interest and if it proves to be a success others will follow his example.

Squire Thos. J. Wilson, of Thomas county, Kansas was in Butler on Tuesday, and favored us pleasantly. He had been down to Foster on a visit to his daughter, Mrs. Coley Colyer. Mr. Wilson is enthusiastic over the outcome of that part of Kansas where he lives. He said the land is now cheap, but is increasing in value rapidly. He said he had been there six years and had never failed to raise enough to carry them over, and they now have feed for two years ahead. Land can be bought for from \$5 to \$10 per acre. He is located about fifteen miles south of Colby, Kansas.

James Griffin, a horse buyer and trader of Cawood, Mo., reported to the police Saturday that he had lost a leather pocketbook containing \$3 160 in currency while in Kansas City last Friday. Captain Weber, in charge of central police station, detailed men to work on the case and he has information which he thinks will lead to the arrest of the finder of the money. Griffin has offered a reward of \$500 for the return of his money and says he does not care to prosecute in the event of a voluntary delivery of it.

Wesley Manning, of Blaine, Washington, arrived in Butler last Thursday and made enquiries for his brother, El Manning, living in Bates county, whom he had not seen for forty years. He soon located him near Ballard and communicated with him by telephone, and one of the boys came in after him that day. Mr. Manning is a ranchman in the northwest and bore every appearance of being prosperous. Uncle Ed. Manning came to this country in an early day and it is said is prejudiced against modern methods of transportation, never having ridden on a railroad, and prefers to walk rather than ride behind a horse. He is a prosperous farmer.

Beating the Record

according to present indications we will break the record this year for

Holiday Business.

Our store is thronged every day now with Christmas shoppers, not only to look but they are buying and buying liberally. While our stock is most complete and large, many of the good things are being carried away daily and now you will find a better selection than you will tomorrow or the day after. The rush and jam of the last few days can be avoided by doing your buying now. A pound of candy free with every dollars worth of goods.

HILL'S
CASH STORE.

For sale or trade, for town property. 120 acres in Cass county, will sell on time and take house and lot as first payment. J. W. Sherrill, Archie.

W. R. Bowles district inspector Knight Templars, was in Butler the last of the week inspecting the Knight Templars lodge of this city. Mr. Bowles is editor of the Greenfield Advocate, one of the best county papers in Southwest Missouri. We acknowledge a fraternal call on Saturday.

The Review boasts of a subscriber who paid four years in advance. The Times is modest in its claims, but we are carrying a subscriber on our books marked up to 1934. About twenty years ago when the battle for existence of THE TIMES under its present editor and proprietor was very strenuous, Judge John H. Sullens, may the saints record it to his credit in the great book, plunked down fifty dollars for fifty years in advance. The Judge modestly forbade us mentioning it at the time, but he won the everlasting gratitude of the editor. There were other splendid gentlemen, and substantial citizens who came to our assistance at that time, whom we have never forgotten, have always been loyal to and when occasion offers expect to make public acknowledgement thereof.

KRATZ CASE CONTINUED

Goes Over To January 2nd 1905.

When the Kratz case was called Monday by Judge Graves, Governor Folk, for the prosecution, announced ready for trial. H. C. Clark, for the defense, offered an affidavit from Kratz's physicians that he was still too ill to appear for trial. No counter affidavits being filed the court continued the case until January 2nd 1905. The terms of both Judge Graves, as Circuit Judge, and Mr. Folk, as district attorney, will have expired at that time and the case will be tried before Judge Denton and by the new district attorney of St. Louis.



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Handkerchiefs, Gloves, Hats, Pants, Suit
Cases, Trunks, Shoes.

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